

Iraqi Revolt Was Born In Bern, West Intelligence Agents Report

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The Iraqi revolt was "born in Bern," Western counter-intelligence agents indicated today.

A sudden increase in the movement of Communist agents by air from Moscow via Prague to Zurich and on to Bern, and of military and political representatives of the United Arab Republic was observed and in some instances secretly recorded in motion pictures made at airports, this correspondent was told.

Bern, because of the neutral position of Switzerland which is free from all blocs either Communist or Western, has been a regular meeting place for the Algerian rebels and their Communist supporters.

Here the Lebanon crisis was hatched, and many of the political action and propaganda plots which are tossed to the surface in the satellite states, Indonesia, Red China and the Middle East. Western intelligence agents have a label for these, "Born in Bern." It is now attached to the Iraqi revolt.

Switzerland has clearly become the Communist spy center for the Arab world as well as all of Europe.

MILLIONS FOR SPIES
Bern, the ancient capital, is again the hub of the wheel as it was in World War II, when

Allen C. Dulles, now head of the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, directed American counter-intelligence from that city.

The Soviet intelligence operations have largely moved from Prague and elsewhere to Bern, his reporter was told by responsible observers.

Left behind in Prague, beyond the reach of alert Swiss police, is the elaborate plant and equipment for manufacturing false passports and credentials.

"Although the total is hard to ascertain, there is reason to believe that the Communists send out an average of \$1,000,000 per week from Switzerland to spies, provocateurs and contraband traders for their work in the Western democracies," Henry J. Taylor, United States ambassador to Switzerland, told United Press International.

Taylor, a trained investigator from years of experience as a hard-headed journalist and foreign affairs expert, says that this is one of the basic reasons that the Western powers regard Switzerland with its 70 foreign missions from the worlds of Communism and democracy as "the No. 1 listening post for Europe and the Middle East."

FREE WORLD
Zurich, Switzerland's largest city, and Geneva, seat of many international conferences, have become with Bern the physical contact points for Red agents operating in the Middle East, France, Western Germany, Britain, Spain, Portugal and Italy.

"Their target is the free world, and they load up their ammunition in Zurich, Geneva and Bern," Taylor said.

Here the agents come to make reports and to receive orders for future activities and faked credentials for implementing them.

Transfer of currencies from the issue of one nation to that of another is facilitated, since Switzerland has recognized not only the

Western powers and Russia but also the latter's satellites including Red China and Bulgaria. The United States recognizes neither of the latter. Both are heavily represented in Bern.

A second reason the transfer of spy activities was advantageous to the Reds is because of Switzerland's central location as the hub of a complex of modern rail and airlines fanning out in all directions.

Zurich's Kloten Airport has one of the busiest year-round traffic loads in all Europe, with direct daily schedules to Moscow via a change of airlines in Prague.

CAREFUL OF LAWS
The secondary route for Soviet exchange, equally fast and regular, is via the Vienna gateway.

No Russian airline or aircraft is permitted to fly into Switzerland itself, where national feeling ap-

pears to be solidly anti-Communist.

Switzerland is the apex of the triangle and equally accessible from all parts of the Arab world, which itself spreads over a distance equal to that from Hawaii to Bermuda. Many Arab capitals are closer to Bern than to each other.

"The Communists have operated with a careful eye to the strict Swiss laws against espionage," this reporter was told in Zurich, "even while they secretly abuse the fundamental laws protecting freedom of the individual."

"The gathering place for agents and principals, and the 'cashier's office' for payments is located among the various satellite embassies and missions in Bern. "Important gatherings of Communist agents seldom are held in the large embassy of the U.S.S.R.

itself. The Kremlin doesn't want to take a chance on an upset or a riot that will directly reflect on the U.S.S.R.

RIG AND COSTLY
They plant their agents in their international conference delegations under all kinds of cover, pain them off as chauffeurs of the Red ambassador's cars in Bern, which gives them a good run of the country and in other ways relates their contacts constantly.

This correspondent recalled that in the first atomic bomb testing at Bikini, which was opened to selected professional newspapermen from all nations of the world, the Russian "journalist" by his own admission turned out to be the commanding officer of the Bureau of Docks and Yards for the Red navy.

The Communist intelligence web centering in Bern is an enormous and expensive operation and calls for large-scale measures in counter-espionage by all the Western powers, Ambassador Taylor said.

Tourists through the lake excursion boats, the buses bound for the chalets at snow-line of the many Alpine peaks, take leisurely tea on the terraces of hotels or stroll the streets of the old cities, unaware of the growing army of secret agents among them.

But to Ambassador Taylor it is a "growing and relentless problem, for the security of the United States is at stake."

In Zurich I asked if the supply of fraudulent passports and documents from Prague was a serious menace to the Western nations. My informant said:

"They worried us for a while. The counterfeits are excellent; often only a laboratory test of the paper itself will show it to be imitation."

"We have evolved countermeasures of our own which are not ineffectual. Frequently, for reasons of our own, we permit known or suspected agents to enter Western

nations and even expedite the work they are attempting.

"Often our own men travel with them. And in such counter-spy operations are the unsung heroes of the cold war."

"The Communist spy control has a great deal of ego, and we are not adverse to helping build it up."

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BRIAN McPETERS, Big Springs 4-H'er, receives trophy cup which proclaims him grand champion judge of all classes of livestock on 4-H Livestock Judging Day July 13 at Siskiyou County Fairgrounds. Standing to left of Brian is Tom Hill, second place winner. Charming miss is Nancy Soule, fourth place. Linda Holmes, third place winner, had to leave early and is not in picture.

Big Springs 4-H Lad Name Champion Livestock Judge

MONTAGUE — Brian McPeters, member of the Big Springs 4-H Club, emerged as the grand champion judge of all classes of livestock, at the 11th annual 4-H Livestock Judging Day held at the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 13, which was attended by 250 4-H members, parents, leaders and spectators.

Runnersup for champion were Tom Hill of Big Springs, Linda Holman of Etna, and Nancy Soule of Little Shasta.

Presentation of the trophy cup to McPeters was made by Bob Barnhart of the Scott Valley Booster Club, who had furnished the cup, stock knives, ribbons, and a flag set as awards for the winners.

Cindy Robison of Macdoel was high individual of beef cattle judging, with Malin Johnson of Dunsmuir, second. Larry Myers of Macdoel and Patty Rich of Etna placed third and fourth.

Top judge winner in sheep was Suzy Soule of Little Shasta, Patsy MacKinnon of Big Springs, second; James Brooks, Montague and Tom Hayden, Etna.

Top award in dairy cattle judging went in the following order: Sandy Holloway, Montague; Shirley Silva, Big Springs; Nancy Soule, Little Shasta; and Patty Machado, Big Springs.

Wendy Cassidy of Fort Jones won the blue ribbon award as best judge in the swine division; followed by Sharon Young, Etna; Patty Scala, Montague; Dickie Louie, Big Springs.

Of the 15 4-H Clubs from all parts of Siskiyou County which competed in the contest, the Big Springs Club came out with the highest average score: Table Rock was second; Etna, third; and Grenada 4-H Club, fourth.

Fifty four adults who attended the event also entered in the livestock judging contest, with John MacKinnon of Big Springs emerging as the champion adult judge for all classes of livestock, Jack Zediker, Marilyn Waters, both of Big Springs, and W. E. Hinkle of Macdoel, followed in that order.

First and second place in adult judging in all classes of livestock were as follows: Beef, Roger Linton and James Davidson; dairy, Jack Zediker and Marilyn Waters; sheep, Bernice Machado and Loraine MacKinnon; swine, Rex McPeters and Jeanne Dillman.

Master of ceremonies for the day was Butch Brooks, 4-H Club member and 4-H radio news reporter of the Grenada club. Beef animals were furnished by Jack Wilson of Edgewood and Rex McPeters of Big Springs. Marion Brooks of Montague and Henry Silva of Big Springs provided the dairy animals, and Bob Schantz of Yreka the sheep. Norman Sears of Grenada and Jim Elsea of Montague furnished the swine.

Official judges for the event were Clarence Dudley of Gazelle for beef cattle; Bob Schantz, sheep; Glen Barnes of Etna, swine, and Kenneth Waters of Big Springs the dairy cattle. Barnes and Claude Cassidy judged the reasons given by 4-H members on the dairy cow class.

Following the event, everyone gathered in the judging pavilion for their picnic lunch, and the program was concluded with the presentation of awards to the winners.

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Pacifists Say They Can't Support Military Force

By LOUIS CASSELS, United Press International

Can Christians conscientiously support the use of military force to resolve international disputes? Pacifists answer that question with a categorical "no."

Christians theologians, Catholic and Protestant, answer it with a heavily qualified "yes."

The debate has been going on for centuries. It is always intensified by events, like the current Middle East crisis, which force people to think of war as something more than an abstract possibility.

Although pacifists have historically been the minority, they have one great advantage in the ancient debate: Their position is much more simple, clear-cut and easy to explain.

Essentially the pacifist argument goes like this: War is totally evil. It is destructive of human life and human values. In this era of nuclear weapons particularly, it can never have a "good" outcome. It is the complete antithesis of the spirit of Jesus, who commanded his followers to love their enemies, to turn the other cheek when struck, and to return good for evil.

At this point, pacifists branch into two schools. The "pure" pacifist says simply that he will follow a policy of non-violence, whatever its consequences may be. He is prepared to accept that as the price of bearing loyal witness to what he conceives to be the teachings of Christ.

The "practical" pacifist argues that non-violence is a workable plan for avoiding the ultimate catastrophe of nuclear war. He says

"We're being treated okay... I'm well and healthy, and I hope you aren't letting this make you sick... We have received packages from the Red Cross so we're in pretty good shape — toilet articles, underwear and, most important of all, cigarettes."

"They also included some pocket books, so you know that made me happy... You tell little Mike I was thinking about him on his birthday... 'Ellis' son Mike was 7 Tuesday."

Mrs. Ellis said the Army plans to fly her to Germany to be with her husband whenever he is released.

No Paws For A Thank You
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Since Sunday, Mrs. C. V. Sbarbaro had heard a cat meowing.

Wednesday she located it, 30 feet up a eucalyptus tree. She got the gas and electric company to send a 30-foot ladder. The cat promptly moved to a limb 30 feet up.

She enlisted Gary Taylor, 17, a neighbor. He reached the limb the cat was on, but couldn't get down. She called the telephone company, which sent a 50-foot ladder. A lineman stuffed the cat in a thick paper bag and climbed down the ladder with Gary.

The lineman gave the bag with the cat in it to Mrs. Sbarbaro. The cat clawed its way out, bit Mrs. Sbarbaro on the hand, and disappeared.

Prosecutor Drops Charges
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The district attorney's office has declined to prosecute 20-year-old Barbara Ann Burns for forgery.

Miss Burns, daughter of the late comedian Bob Burns, was arrested last Friday when a merchant called police over a \$55 check she offered. Police said the check bore a fictitious address.

Miss Burns told officers she found it easier to cash checks if she gave an address near the place she was shopping. The matter was dropped on grounds of insufficient evidence.

Miss Burns is free on appeal of a 90-day jail sentence for narcotics addiction.

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Python Arrives In Baltimore Zoo

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Zoo has a new — and very long — arrival from southwest Asia, where he made his living munching on deer, pigs, chickens and the like.

He is a young reticulated python snake measuring 13½ feet. So far the python has not made himself at home.

"We are having trouble feeding him," said reptile director Frank Groves. He said the only solution has been to force-feed the snake once a week, not an easy task.

Groves said the python, just a baby now, will grow to 30 feet.

"What peace we have is the bitter fruit of mutual fear. Therefore I could not conscientiously advise the U.S. government to strip itself of nuclear defenses. And as long as I want America to maintain these fearful weapons, I must share the moral burden (of their possible use)."

Star Recalls Fiendish Tales
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A fiendish story was recounted in superior court. But the murders involved were merely incidental.

A jury yesterday viewed the 1932 film "Frankenstein" as evidence in actress Mae Clarke's million-dollar invasion of privacy suit against another actress and a television producer.

Miss Clarke, now 48, seeks the damages because she said Otello Nesmith and Paramount Productions, Inc., made her seem a "has-been" in a skit based on the original "Frankenstein," in which she starred.

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